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SUBJECT: R/V VEMA

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 10411 (B) STATE 157267 (C) NEW
DELHI 3454

1. DEPT. PUZZLED AT REF A RESPONSE TO REF B WHICH SIMPLY
REQUESTED STATUS REPORT ON CLEARANCE REQUEST SUBMITTED
DIRECTLY TO GOI BY MANIK TALWANI, DIRECTOR, LAMONT-
DOHERTY GEOPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.
DEPT. WELL AWARE GOI CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

2. REF B WAS ATTEMPT PROVIDE SERVICE TO LEADING MEMBER
U.S. OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMUNITY. OUR NOTATION REF B THAT
PANAMANIAN REGISTRY OF R/V VEMA PRECLUDED USG FROM SEEKING
CLEARANCE APPEARS TO BE RECOGNIZED PARA 2 REF A. PARA 3
REF A, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO INDICATE CLEARANCE REQUEST
SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED THROUGH EMBASSY. PLEASE
CLARIFY. DEPT. REPEATS THAT IT CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE
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FOR CLEARANCE REQUESTS FOR FOREIGN REGISTERED RESEARCH
VESSELS. WHILE DEPT. GENERALLY ENCOURAGES OPERATORS OF
U.S. FLAG PRIVATE RESEARCH VESSELS TO SEEK CLEARANCE
THROUGH DEPT. CHANNELS, BOTH FOR UNIFORMITY OF TREATMENT
AND BECAUSE EMBASSIES ARE GENERALLY IN BEST POSITION TO

FOLLOW UP, WE CANNOT REQUIRE THEM TO DO SO. MOST DO

COOPERATE. WHEN PRIVATE REQUESTS ARE MADE, DEPT. WILL
SOMETIMES ASSIST IN CHECKING ON STATUS OR ON IMPEDIMENTS
AS SERVICE TO U.S. SCIENTISTS, BUT WILL NOT ASSUME
RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLEARANCE REQUEST AT THAT TIME.

3. DEPT. HAS DISCUSSED REF A WITH TALWANI AND HAVE
AGREED THAT HE SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE
MINISTRY OF OIL AND GAS. HE HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED OF
SEVERAL GOI CONDITIONS FOR THE GRANTING OF THE CLEARANCE,
ONE OF WHICH IS GOI INTENT TO RESTRICT PUBLICATION OF
THE DATA. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE TO HIM AS WELL AS U.S.G.
AND IT MAY RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THE REQUEST. HE
WILL RESPOND WITH A COMPROMISE TO MERELY RESTRICT PUBLICA-
TION FOR A BRIEF PERIOD, E.G., 6 MONTHS. THE EMBASSY
THEREFORE DOES NOT HAVE TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION ON THIS
MATTER. VANCE

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